

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-5 are amended. The amendments are non-narrowing amendments, made solely to place the claims in proper form and not overcome any prior art. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter.

Applicants appreciate that claims 1-5 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claims 1-5 to obviate the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Thus, Applicants submit that claims 1-5 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

With regard to claim 1, Applicants submit that claim 1 has been amended to obviate the rejection. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to be in proper narrative form, and is found to be clear and definite (e.g., the carriages move along the needle beds).

With regard to claim 2, Applicants have removed the term “make bringing” and replaced with the term “provide”. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 2 provides proper antecedent basis, and is now found to be definite.

Applicants further submit that claims 3-5 have been amended to be consistent with the other claims.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-5 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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